

MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 20, 2017

Agenda Item: Biennial Fee Rule 2018/2019

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 minutes

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.): The Biennial Fee Rule is a two-year rule that establishes recreational use fees for state park lands. An extension to the current fee rule was last approved by the State Parks and Recreation Board on October 20, 2016. The Montana State Parks Biennial Fee Rule establishes fees for camping, non-resident day use/entry, non-resident annual passports, guided tours, and special uses such as group use and facility rental.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public): The proposed Biennial Fee Rule will be posted for a 30-day public comment period.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

The following alternatives have been identified regarding updated user fees:

- 1) Do not release the draft 2018 Biennial Fee Rule for public comment.
- 2) Release the draft 2018 Biennial Fee Rule for public comment.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it): Montana State Parks proposes the release of the draft 2018 Biennial Fee Rule for public comment.

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation): I move that the Board approve the release of the draft 2018 Biennial Fee Rule for public comment.